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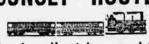
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Henry W. Longfellow in Harper's Magazine for December.

The Iron Pen.

[Made from a fetter of Bonnivard, the prison-er of Chillon, the handle of wood from the frigate Constitution, and bound with a circlet of gold inset with three precious stones from Siberia, Ceylon and Maine.]

I thought this pen would arise From the casket where it lies-Of itself would arise, and write My thanks and my surprise.

When you gave it me under the pines, I dreamed these gems from the mines Of Siberia, Coylon and Maine Would glimmer as thoughts in the lines;

That this iron link from the chain Of Bonnivard might retain Some verse of the Poet who sang

Of the prisoner and his pain.

That this wood from the frigate's mast Might write me a rhyme at last, As it used to write on the sky The song of the sea and the blast.

But motionless, as I wait, Like a Bishop lying in state, Lies the Pen with its mitre of gold And its jewels inviolate.

Then must 1 speak, and say That the light of that summer day In the garden under the pines Shall not fade and pass away.

I shall see you standing there, Caressed by the fragrant hir, With the shadow on vonr face And the sunshine on your bair.

I shall hear the sweet, low tone Of a voice before unknown, Saying: "This is from me to you-From me, and to you alone,"

And in words not idle and vain I shall answer, and thank you again For the gift, and the grace of the gift,

And forever this gift will be As a blessing from you to me, As a drop of the dew of your youth

Dr. Holland and Orthodoxy.

On the leaves of an aged tree.

"Unity" has this to say of a distingished writer's views:

know of a Presbyterian D. D. who although firm and determined, wore a took him publicly in hand and gave pleasant and genial expression. Alhim a most savage "drubbing" last though his early education had been Sunday, for his heretical utterance neglected, he had acquired such a pol. under "Topics for the Times" in February Scribner's. Dr. Holland's dreadful paragraphs which called down versation. He was fond of talking the good man's pious vengeance are and had an ease and grace about him in our "infidel" eyes so good that we which, added to his strong natural sense cannot refrain from quoting them:"

come incrusted with dogma and form-alism. Great importance is attached to beliefs and creeds, and the essention and nonsensical belief and sacred superstion and falsehood. Popery prothe form of infidelity now propagated by the scientists, whose work we gladly welcome as the only way out of a degrading slavery. When science shall do its perfect work, and Christiand was alcoted.

I up their own leads of Col. J. Sketch Book. anity shall be shorn of that which does not belong to it, and of that which has brought it into contempt with a world of bright men and women, then we shall have such a triumph for our religion as the world has never known. And here we call the church to wit-ness that science has thus far taught had to be made on horse-back. it nothing in the uprooting of old be-lief that has not enlarged its ideas of Crockett was riding along one day, God and humanity. Christianity purithinking of the jolly times he had fied of its dross, will be a very differ in the swamps of the Obion, hunting ent thing from Christianity loaded bear etc, when James K. Polk overdown with sanctified absurdities.

The following conversation was overheard in a New York city street-car during the recent canvass for governor in that State. The car, with a number of others, was stopped by a political procession which was crossing All Claims for Loss and Damage the track. Several of the passengers got out to ascertain the cause of the veritable cockney, eye glass and allcosted a native of the Vaterland, who was standing there.

"Aw-what is the mattaw?" "De car ish stop," answered the

phlegmatic German. "Ya-a-s. But why is the car stopped?"

"It's one of Shon Kelly's proces sions, was the reply.

per's "Brie-a-Brae,"

Davy Crockett.

After the surrender of Gen. Cos. on the 10th of December 1835, the main army of Texas was disbanded, leaving who was in favor of Van Buren for about one hundred men to garrison the his successor. Crockett however spoke Alamo. In January 1836, David Crock- in the highest terms of general Jackett, who had just left Tennesee, came to Texas for the purpose of assisting the struggling patrio ts. While on his way to the fortress just mentioned, he stopped at the Swisher residence at Gay Hill, (Washington Co.) to rest and recuperate after his long journey, before beginning his duties as a soldier. It happened that on the day which Col. Crockett arrived, I had been out hunting with a party of friends, and killed my second and I believe my last deer, which I tied behind my saddle, reaching home with it about nightfall. Col. Crockett surprised me by coming out and assisting me in taking it down from the horse, inquiring in a general manner concerning the shooting of the animal, complimenting me highly by calling me his young hunter, and bantering me to a shooting match, I accepted this proposition, since he offerred to shoot off hand and give me a rest. As a matter of course, my pride swelled at once, until the president himself. We tried our replied . skill with the rifle every day he remained with us, and my recollection is that we made a drawn match of it. His rifle I well remember. It was ornamented with a silver plate let into the stock, upon which was engraved 'David Crockett," and he called it Bessie." At the time I saw Col-Crockett, I judge him to have been forty years old. He was stout and muscular, about six feet in height and weighing one hundred and eighty to two hundred pounds. He was of a florid complexion with intelligent grey "Dr. Holland is indeed a thorn in eyes. He had small side whiskers inthe side of his orthodox readers. We clining to sandy. His countenance, ish from his contact with good society that few men could eclipse him in conand the fund of anecdotes that he The whole Christian world has be- had gathered, rendered him irresistible. During his stay at my father's it was a rare occurrence for any of us to get to bed before twelve or one o'-

> and was elected. On his journey to Washington City, he concluded to go by way of Nashville and fall in with some other congressmen for company's sake. In with him. Among other things that gentleman remarked :

"Col. Crockett, I think it probable that the present Congress will make a radical change in the Judiciary." Crockett said in relating this:

"Now, so help me God, I knew no more what 'radical change' and 'Judelay. Finally an Englishman-a diciary meant than my horse, but looking straight into Mr. Polk's face as came out to the back platform and ac. though I understood all about it, I replied, "I presume so." To which he added laughingly, "It was not long before I found an excuse for parting company with Mr. Polk.'

Col. Crockett had not been long in Washington before he found himself famous. Biographies of his early life. giving glowing accounts of his

tin Van Buren ; and this raised a coolness between him and General Jackson eon, though he had such a supreme contempt for Van Buren that he had determined that he would never speak

little later, was the opponent of Mar-

to that individual. But Van Buren was very anxious to become personally acquainted with Crockett, and importuned a mutual friend for an introduc tion, which Crockett always avoided. One night, however, when Crockett Buren and the friend came in and took a seat immediately behind him.

duce me," he heard Van Buren whisper to the triend, who immediately tapped Crockett on the shoulder saying as he did so : "Col. Crockett, allow me to take the

"Now is a favorable time to intro-

liberty of introducing to you the Vice President of the United States.'

For Crockett to acknowledge the introduction now seemed inevitable to both Van Buren and his companion : but the former was equal to the occasion. Turning round sufficiently to I would not have changed places with show the merry twinele in his eyes, he

"Really, my friend, anything in reason, but, by Heaven I cannot permit anyone to take such a liberty with me.'

At the Congressional election of Tennessee, in 1835, Col. Crockett was a candidate for re-election. A day or two before the election he addressed his Constituents, giving them a full account of his steward ship. He said that he had served faithfully and honestly,-that he was still as good a man as when they first elected him and much better qualified to serve them. He closed his speech about as follows:

"Now, my fellow citizens, if you reelect me, I will serve you to the best of my ability, and feel myselt under lasting obligation to you. If you do burnt off, he will toss them to his oxnot elect me, you may go to hell and en. The leaves contain a considerable I'll go to Texas.

He was defeated, and true to his previous assertion, came shortly afterward to Texas, declaring that he never intended to set his feet upon Tennessee soil again, and that his future life should be devoted to the cause of the side of his young traveling com- hedges, and is impassable. These tal centre, are almost forgotten. The clock. He told us a great many anec. panion, (B. A. M. Thomas,) with feelchurch is overloaded with supersti- dotes, many of which were common ings of admiration and regret-admiplace and amounted to nothing within ration for the man, regret that he was tus is in bloom. There are numerous raisencods. What is the cure for all themselves, but his inimitable way leaving us, Ah! we little thought varieties of the cactus in Mexico, also has its office here, and it has begun its of telling them would convulse one how soon he would perish a martyr to in Texas. The Mexican name for operation through the skepticism of with laughter, I reccollect only two the cause of liberty. What Texan common cactus is nopal. or three : He said he never knew does not recall at the mere mention of sary agent in purifying the church of why the people of his District elected his name, the bravery of that great him to Congress, as it was a matter he soul at the massacre of the Alamo which happened on the 9th of March, duced Luther, and the peculiar form in which Christianity has presented itself in this later age has produced called on to do when he arrived at called on t called on to do when he arrived at sands of the enemy, slew ten times Washington; but his friends assured up their own lives .- [From Rembran-ces of Col, J. M. Swisher in American

> WHEN Mr. Tilden, in 1874, was nom inated for governor of New York, Mr. Dorsheimer received the nomination for lieutenant governer. The ticket thus headed was elected generly by about fifty thousand majority. A little knot of Germans in New York thinking of the jolly times he had City, who usually voted the Republican ticket, took Mr. Dorsheimer from his name to be a German, and scratch took him and entered into conversation ed their state ticket in his favor, so that he had a majority of nearly fiftythree thousand. One day, after, Mr. Tilden and Mr. Dorsheimer had been inaugurated, they met at a political breakfast at the former's house; in Gramercy Park. Mr. Tilden had always telt a little sore at Mr. Dorsheimer's extra majority, and so when in the current of conversation Mr. Dorsheimer jestingly said:

"Well, Govorner, you must remember I had three thousand more majority than you,"-

As quick as a flash Mr. Tilden retorted: .'Yes, you supplied the three thousand and I lent you the fifty."-Scrib-

ner for December.

Horse-radish may be planted in any great hunting exploits were publish- spare corner, but the ground should Sons, was the reply.

"Jawn Kelly?" said the cockney.

"Yah, de polities man."

"Oh ya-a-s, they are electing some fire. So room to explain here. You can decrease a trial without expenses to short those willing to work. You should try nothing eise until you see for those willing to work. You should try nothing eise until you see for the business we nother. You can decrease the process and they are electing some fire. So room to explain here. You can decrease they are electing some fire. So room to explain here. You can decrease they are electing some of their presidents. I sprose."

Hereupon the car started, and the Hereupon the car started, and the Englishman returned to his seat, apparently pundering over the "cuwious special private terms and particulars, which we parently pundering over the "cuwious particulars, which we parently pundering over the "cuwious laws that they are cleated to Congress as a Jackson democrat, but afterward do as well as the crowns, if cut into the particulars, which we parently pundering over the "cuwious as a Jackson democrat, but afterward do as well as the crowns, if cut into pure parently parently pundering over the "cusious as a Jackson democrat, but afterward do as well as the crowns, if cut into one itself pieces, and process, any port of the root will as a Jackson democrat, but afterward do as well as the crowns, if cut into one itself pieces, and the roots will enter than twenty horses were sold by different than twenty horses were sold than twenty horses were sold by differ. finer if the subsoil is well manured, bushels. Twenty bushels per day ent dealers, at large prices, upon the The crowns should be planted fifteen would have overstocked our Dayton assurance that each was the identical inches deep, and six inches apart every market, with 15,000 inhabitants, whilst animal that Davy Crockett had rid- way, and the holes filled with fine leaf this year, with a population of 40,000 mould, or the sets put in as the trench- at least 10,000 bushels were consumed Crackett had been elected to Congress ing process, any part of the root will ._[Grange Bulletin.

Uses of the Cactus.

Texas Mute Ranger: The fruit of the cactus is caten by Mexicans. One variety of cactus produces a yellow fruit, which is esteemed a delicacy; so is the white. They are frequently served with milk. The strawberry cactus yields a fruit resembling the strawborry in taste. It grows on the rocky, sterile hills which jut in upon the Rio Grande in Starr and adjacent counties. It is a delicious treat to the overheated and thirsty wayfarer. The apple of the common prickly pear is generally red. Some of them are eswas at a Washington theatre, Van oulent-others are poisonous. A ranger, many years ago prepared a desert for dinner of prickly pear apples, sugar, etc., ate it and in two hours was dead, Eating the fruit of the common cactus, which grows so abundantly and luxuriantly in western Texas, often causes chills and fover, much after the character of a regular ague. The effects usually pass off within twenty-four hours. Wolves devour the fruit. They detatch the apple from the cactus by a whisk of the tail and in other ways. The tail is then used as a brush to remove the small thorns which cover the apple. These are quite minute and difficult to extract from the flesh. Some of them have barbed points. The leaf of the cactus is much used as a remedy. It is prepared by being rorsted on burning coals until the thorns are removed. It is then scraped or split open, and applied to sores, swelliags, sore backs on horses, and to many other remedial uses. The prickly pear leaf is eaten by cattle, particularly during a dry time. It is not unusual in the "west" to see a cow's tongue fastened to the roof of her mouth by large thorns. They are fed to oxen. While traveling at night you will see a light: on nearing it you will discover a Mexican, with a forked stick, piling prickly pear leaves on a fire, and, when the thorns have been amount of nutriment, and are a good substitute for water. An ox will perform good service upon this strange kind of forage. In western Texas the prickly pear grows to a considerable height. In many places they are higher than a man's head when he is on the Texans. I shall never forget the horseback. In Mexico the fluted caeday when he left us for San Antonio. tus frequently attains thirty feet in We watched him as he rode away by height. It is sometimes planted for hedges appear well to the eye at all

Salt For Fruit Trees.

times, and are beautiful when the one-

In the absence of the mineral fertilizers, such as wood and coal ashes, refuse lime and spent mortar, the remains of old walls and torn down buildings, bone dust, superphosphate of lime and the like, common salt will be found an excellent application for fruit trees. If the soil is stiff and poor, it will not bear as heavy an application as if deep and rich, and therefore salt should be used liberally or cautiously, according as it is applied to one or the other.

Salt is not only one of the most soluble of substances, but it is also a powerful solvent of minerals, in-asmuch as the chlorine has such a range of strong affinities that it releases and renders solvent insoluble matter in the soil that, before its application, was not a plant food in an available form. It may be sown broadcast under trees as far out as the limbs extend, to the extent of one or two bushels per tree of thirty feet spread of limb on rich soils, and a half or a third that quantity on poor, thin and sandy soils, with the certainty that it will not only induce fruitfulness, but materially aid in the destruction of fruit destroying insects, which seek and are protected by the earth during the winter season.

Mr. N. Ohmer, of Dayton, O., in re ferring to the increase in the demand for small fruits as an article of diet in in that city, says: "Twenty years ago there was not one quart of strawberries eaten in proportion to the number of inhabitants, where there are now

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